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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION :
(Based on PCT NO:EP98/06527)

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FOR: HEAT-INSULATING COATING :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-13.

Please add the following claims:

14. A heat-insulating coating comprising one or more non-micellar cholesteric layers and reflecting at least 40% of the incident radiation in the infrared wavelength range above 750 nm.

15. A heat-insulating coating as claimed in claim 14, which transmits at least 80% of the incident radiation in the wavelength range from about 390 nm to 750 nm.

16. A heat-insulating coating as claimed in claim 14, which comprises two or more cholesteric IR-reflecting layers.